



29 AUGUST 2006: Hurricane Katrina made landfall along the Central Gulf Coast near Buras-Triumph, Louisiana, as a Category 4 storm. On August 29, its storm surge breached the levee system that protected New Orleans from Lake Pontchartrain and the Mississippi River.

24 SEPTEMBER 2006: Hurricane Rita, after peaking in strength at 175 mph steady winds, made landfall between Sabine Pass, Texas, and Johnson’s Bayou, Louisiana as a Category 3

hurricane. The storm surge reopened some of the levee breaches caused by Hurricane Katrina and reflooded parts of New Orleans.

21-24 OCTOBER 2006: Hurricane Wilma made several landfalls with the most destructive effects felt in the Yucatán Peninsula of Mexico, Cuba, and Florida. After the hurricane, a 10 foot storm surge from the Gulf of Mexico inundated a large portion of the lower Keys of Key West.

USNS ALGOL (T-AKR 287)
USNS ALTAIR (T-AKR 291)
USNS ARCTIC (T-AOE 8)
USS BATAAN (LHD 5)
USNS BELLATRIX (T-AKR 288)
USNS BOB HOPE (T-AKR 300)
USS CHIEF (MCM 14)
USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20)

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USS DEFENDER (MCM 2)
USS FALCON (MHC 59)
USS GLADIATOR (MCM 11)
USS GRAPPLE (ARS 53)
USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7)
USNS PATUXENT (T-AO)
201)USNS PILLILAU (T-AKR 304)

USS PIONEER (MCM 9)
USNS POLLUX (T-AKR 290)
USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12)
USS SCOUT (MCM 8)
HSV SWIFT (HSV 2)
USS TORTUGA (LSD 46)
USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75)
USS WHIDBEY ISLAND (LSD 41)




“Hurricane Katrina devastated cities and towns. It took lives. By damaging our bases in that region, it even chipped away at some of our combat capability. But it did not destroy the human spirit. It did not destroy the Navy family. No storm can wipe that out. We will stand by the Navy family as the Navy family has stood by us.”

- Adm. Mike Mullen,
Chief of Naval Operations

Thousands of Sailors provided medical services, conducted search and rescue and search and recovery operations as well as dive and salvage efforts.

From Alabama to New Orleans, the Seabees cleared more than 800 miles of roads, removed 20,000 tons of debris, delivered 230,000 gallons of water and fuel, and repaired more than 60 schools. They worked to restore power, water and sewage to local communities. They also delivered food to more than 600 families a day.





Task Force Navy Family

On September 19, the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Mullen, established Task Force Navy Family (TFNF) to ensure every Navy family member, which includes active duty and reserve Navy members, Navy civilians, retirees, and their families, has a plan for recovery.

In four months time:

- 26,746 families were in areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma
- 24,052 families reported their status to the Navy after the hurricane
- 22,184 families have returned to a pre-hurricane state

“The Navy has Sailors and civilians around the world who are completely dedicated to serving their country and helping others. Now some of those extraordinary people and their families - the Navy Family - need our help.”

- Rear Adm. Robert Passmore
Commander Task Force Navy Family



“My husband is a Seabee and my son is 9-years-old. I’ve spent ten, almost eleven years in the Navy, and the response to the families was astronomical. The Navy helped the families get everything they needed from food and clothing to tree removal and blue roofing. Although our primary focus is now the military mission, I know the Navy recognizes the importance of the family unit. A Sailor is no longer just a Sailor – they are also someone’s mother or father, son or daughter. That encourages me to stay.”

- EO1 (SCW) Jennifer Briley
22nd Naval Construction Regiment,
Gulfport Seabee Base, Mississippi

